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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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PART TIME B.ED. COURSE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCTE has discontinued the part-time B.Ed. course since 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether open universities are allowed to conduct part- time B.Ed. course;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether NCTE did not differentiate between part-time course and vocational course;

(f) whether the NCTE propose to reconsider its decision; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has not recognised any B.Ed (Part-time) course nor has it laid down norms and standards for such a course.

(c) & (d) NCTE has prescribed norms and standards for "B.Ed. programmethrough Distance Education Mode"for secondary teachers. The course is of a duration of two years and is meant for teachers already in service with at least 2 year's experience.

(e) to (g) NCTE has not prescribed any norms either for B.Ed. (Part-time) or B.Ed (Vacation) courseHence, the question of any differential treatment does not arise. However, the question of introduction of B.Ed (Part- time)/B.Ed (Vacation) course was considered by a Review Committee comprising experts, set up by NCTE which did not favour introduction of such courses in view of academic/professional considerations. The above recommendation has been endorsed by the Council.